

At page 11, line 26, through page 12, line 2, replace the text with the following:

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--Sequencing of the mutated fragment using the Amplicycle kit™ (Perkin Elmer) was done with the 5'-CGCAGTGCCCCGCCTTAGAGGTG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 21) primer at an elongation temperature of 68°C.--

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - i). These Amendments put the specification into conformity with the Sequence Listing. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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Replace the sentence at page 4, lines 8-9 with the below sentence marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the sentence.

Figs. 2A-2G illustrate the OPMD (GCG)_n expansion sizes and sequence of the mutation site [(SEQ ID NOS:1-2)] (SEQ ID NO:1: nucleic acid mutation site; SEQ ID NO:2: nucleic acid mutation site without insertion; SEQ ID NO:3-9, nucleic acid mutation site with 1 through 7 (GCG) insertions, respectively; SEQ ID NO:10, amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleic acid mutation site; SEQ ID NO: 11-17, amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleic acid mutation site with 1 through 7 Alanine insertions, respectively);

Replace the sentence at page 4, lines 12-13 with the below sentence marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the sentence.

Figs. 4A-4E illustrate the nucleotide sequence of human poly(A) binding protein II (hPAB II) (SEQ ID NO:[3]18).--

Replace the sentence at page 11, lines 12-14 with the below sentence marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the sentence.

The primers used to amplify the PAB II mutated region were: 5'-CGCAGTGCCCCGCCTTAGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:[4]19) and 5'-ACAAGATGGCGCCGCCGCCCGGC-3' (SEQ ID NO:[5]20).

Replace the sentence bridging page 11, line 26, through page 12, line 2, with the below sentence marked up by way of bracketing and underlining to show the changes relative to the previous version of the sentence.

Sequencing of the mutated fragment using the Amplicycle kitTM (Perkin Elmer) was done with the 5'-CGCAGTGCCCCGCCTTAGAGGTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:[6]21) primer at an elongation temperature of 68°C.